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TODAY and TOMORROW

Civil Disobedience

PRAISING the Congress Party's attitude of what it calls "genuine co-operation" with the British Government, the Glasgow Herald has made an amazing statement that Maulana Abul Kalam Azad as President of the Congress, has declared that there is to be no more of civil disobedience while the war is on.

If the Glasgow Herald claim is correct, if Maulana Azad has actually made such a categorical statement as President of the Congress, then the question arises, still did Dr. Azad consult the entire Working Committee and were the Working Committee and Dr. Azad completely satisfied that in ruling out civil disobedience unconditionally they were carrying out the will of the masses, the will of the ordinary members of the Congress and of the general population of India?

Neither Dr. Azad nor the members of the Congress Working Committee can claim to be acting according to the will of the Indian people because for more than three years most of them have been in jail and out of touch with the feelings and ideas of the Indian public and surely they have not had time after their release to gauge public opinion on the vital problem of the ways and means of achieving complete independence.

Civil disobedience is the one and only weapon that the Congress has used and used so successfully for the last thirty years ever since Gandhiji's assumption of supreme leadership of the Congress during the years of the last war. What Satyagraha is to Gandhiji, civil disobedience is to the Congress To Gandhiji giving up Satyagraha would be equal to giving up his ideal of Truth and Ahimsa. In the same way, giving up civil disobedience would mean nothing short of giving up the fight against British imperialism and tyranny, it would mean giving up the objective of complete independence for India. Nay more, it would mean consenting to and conniving at the British efforts to perpetuate the slavery of India.

When the Congress leaders decided to attend the Simla Conference, Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose even then declared that the Congress Working Committee did not have the right or the authority to take such a measure—a step totally opposed to the very fundamental principles of the Congress without taking stock of the opinion of the masses by calling a meeting of the All-India Congress Committee after securing the release of all political prisoners. Such decisions as ruling out civil disobedience are even more vital and should not be made by one man or even a small executive body. If Maulana Azad and the Congress Working Committee would go by the will of the people, then there will be no anxiety, no fears of tragic mistakes marring India's progress to freedom and complete independence.

Palestine-Egypt Rail Bridge Blown Up

Zurich, July 26 (Domei)—A Jerusalem dispatch today reported that saboteurs, believed connected with anti-British terrorists, early yesterday morning are suspected of blowing up a five-span girder bridge of the main Palestine-Egypt railway line. Four of the piers were mined but only two charges exploded, it said.

British Press Jubilant Over Weak-kneed Policy Of Leaders Of Congress

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Working Committee Urged To Erase Civil Disobedience From Congress Policy

In its editorial on Wednesday the influential British paper Glasgow Herald voiced its anxiety over Congress not abandoning the Civil Disobedience Policy. Says the paper "The tiresome remnant of the civil disobedience is still in evidence".

The paper than quotes Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, the Congress President, who is reported to have stated that there is to be no more civil disobedience while the war goes on. The journal then says, "Civil disobedience can at no time be called a policy. In times such as the present it is not even expedient. It is merely a vexatious memory, and the Congress Committee would be well advised to blow it into the air by means of a simple resolution".

Paying a back-handed compliment to the Congress leaders the Glasgow Herald says, "The Congress Party has undoubtedly improved its standing in the country. Gandhiji was wise enough to stand aside from the negotiations. Dr. Azad, Nehru, and their colleagues showed themselves for the first time genuinely co-operative".

Commenting on the Glasgow Herald's editorial, well-informed quarters here are of the opinion that however accommodating some of the Congress leaders are to the British Government, and anxious to arrive at a compromise, the rank and file of the Congress will never depart from the policy and programme the Congress had been following for the last quarter of a century.

Civil disobedience is the very breath of life for the Congress. It is the only weapon at the disposal of unarmed India to carry on resistance against the British. If civil disobedience is abandoned as the policy of the Congress, then the Congress might as well cease to function. The power and prestige of the Congress are due to this weapon of civil disobedience which the Congress and the country have wielded with consummate skill. Civil disobedience must and will go on till India achieves freedom.

CHUNGKING STARTS OPEN WARFARE AGAINST YENAN; COMMUNIST ARMY LEADERS LODGE STRONG PROTEST

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Chiang's Forces Rapidly Leaving Battlefronts Against Nippon Army To Meet Chinese Reds

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Shanghai, July 26 (Domei)—Chungking forces are now rapidly leaving their battlefronts against the Nippon army in North-western China to carry on an offensive against Yenan communist troops. This is revealed in a circular telegram made public by Yenan Communist leaders, vigorously protesting against the Chungking Army's attack on Yenan forces in Shensi Province last week.

The Hsinhwa News Agency, organ of the Yenan regime, reported that Chungking forces under General Hu Tsung-nan, Commander of Chungking's First War Zone, have been attacking Yenan troops since July 21 in the Shensi-Kansu-Ninghsia border region. The Communist news organ said the 59th Division of the Chungking Army suddenly opened an offensive against Yuehtaishan, approximately 70 kilometres north of Sinn, on July 21. The sector attacked by the Chungking Army is situated in the Shensi-Kansu-Ninghsia border region and was garrisoned by the Yenan Army.

As a result of fighting which was still going on on July 23 the Yenan Army suffered considerable casualties, the news agency said.

Strongly protesting against the Chungking Army's attack against Yenan forces, Chu-teh and Peng Teh-huai, Commander and Vice-Commander respectively of the 18th Communist Group Army, wired to Chiang Kai-shek and Hu Tsung-nan demanding immediate cessation of the Chungking Army's offensive against Yenan forces.

According to a circular telegram issued by Communist army leaders, information made available to them from the Shensi-Kansu-Ninghsia border region indicated that many Chungking troops are in the Konghsien and Lingpao areas in the border region. The circular telegram further revealed all transportation other than military has been suspended over the Lunghai railroad which recently had been rushing Chungking troops day and night to the Yenan fronts.

At present, the telegram revealed, nine divisions of Chungking forces have been deployed in the border region. These Chungking forces, Yenan army commanders charged in the telegram, are engaged in a "slaughter" campaign against Yenan troops. They demanded a prompt reply and urged Chungking forces be immediately ordered to stop hostile action against Yenan troops.

LABOUR SCORES OVERWHELMING VICTORY IN GENERAL ELECTION CLEMENT ATTLEE NEW PREMIER

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Lisbon, July 26 (Domei)—Clement Attlee, 62-year-old British Labour Party leader, tonight supplanted Winston Churchill, Conservative, as Britain's new Prime Minister when the British Labour Party scored an overwhelming victory over the Conservative Party in Britain's first general election in a decade, according to a London dispatch.

Latest election results at 3.30 o'clock this afternoon, with results still coming in, showed a great swing to the Left with the British Labour Party garnering 375 seats against the Conservatives' 188. The British Labour Party was reported so far as having made a net gain of 203 seats, while the Conservative Party's losses were placed at 171.

The Opposition candidates secured a total of 401 seats against the Government candidates who could only muster 203.

Results announced up to 2 o'clock this afternoon showed that 7,149,000 votes had been cast for Government candidates, including 6,480,000 for the Conservatives.

Opposition votes totalled 10,807,000, including 8,875,000 for Labour.

Very few Ministers of Churchill's coalition and caretaker governments managed to retain their seats, as Labour candidates surged forward in all constituencies.

Leopold S. Amery, Secretary of State for India, and Brendan Bracken, First Lord of the Admiralty, who were Churchill's closest lieutenants, went down to defeat, respectively being beaten by P. L. C. Shurmer and General Sir Frank N. Mason-MacFarlane.

Others who lost their seats included Leslie Hore-Belisha, Minister of National Insurance, Churchill's son-in-law Duncan Sandys, Minister of Works, who is in charge of housing, Richard Law, Minister of Education, who often deputized for Eden in the House of Commons, and Sir James Grigg, Minister of War.

Harold MacMillan, Air Minister, Sir Edward Spears, former British Minister to Syria and Lebanon, Major Randolph Churchill, Churchill's son, and Captain Julian Amery, son of the

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Glowing Tribute Paid To Kamikaze Spirit Of Entire Nippon Nation

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This Supreme Sacrifice Will Live For Ever, Declares Azad Hind Minister

Saigon, July 26 (Domei)—Contrasting the special attack corps spirit which imbues the entire Nippon nation with the abject fear of loss of American lives as evidenced by frequent statements of United States military and political leaders, Sri S. A. Ayer, Propaganda Minister of the Provisional Government of Azad Hind, declared that the Americans will see the fiery spirit of the Nippon nation in all its resplendent fury if and when they take the suicidal step of setting their dirty feet on the sacred soil of the Nippon homeland.

He declared, in an article carried by the Indo-china News Agency, that this fiery spirit of the Nippon warrior, which strikes terror into the hearts of the enemy, is not merely the outcome of the present war but as old as the Nippon nation itself and is in the blood of the Nippon soldier, sailor and airman. He said this spirit is not confined to the fighting men only but the spirit of daring self-sacrifice inspires the entire Nippon nation, men, women and children. They are fighting one total war that will decide the fate of their country which has known no defeat in all its history. Whether its men are at the front or women in factories, they are all inspired by that same spirit which can only be described as "divine."

It is true, he said, Nippon is facing the most crucial phase of the war with the Americans using their material superiority plunging into the mad gamble, blasting cities and people of Nippon out of existence, but "the way the entire Nippon nation is standing up to this desperate onslaught will evoke admiration of the whole world, including Nippon's enemies themselves. Not a word of complaint, not a murmur even in the midst of a hail of shells, bombs and incendiaries; on the contrary, there is firmer and grimmer determination to fight on."

Sri Ayer said the spirit of the men and women of Nippon is a spirit that can never be crushed but will live as long as the world lives. He said should the enemy attempt an invasion, the fire of patriotism of the Nippon people will break into a mighty conflagration which will envelope the invaders. The coastline of the Nippon mainland is destined to be the graveyard of the American nation. The gallant and indomitable sons and daughters of Nippon will see to that.

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Vital Conference On Evacuation Held Here

Syonan, July 27 (Domei)—A change in the method of registration for all would-be evacuees was made yesterday as a result of an important meeting held at the Municipality Board Room attended by representatives of all divisional Police stations, the Auxiliary Police and City Office officials

Stressing the importance for speedily carrying out evacuation of the non-essential civil population in Syonan, representatives from Evacuation Headquarters and the Police Bureau stressed the success of the scheme depends on its speedy execution.

Heretofore, personal evacuation was taken care of by Syonan Evacuation Headquarters. However, this method has now been changed and henceforth all personal evacuations will be received and dealt with by the various Police Stations. Those evacuating to Djawa or Sumatra, however, will have to apply to Evacuation Headquarters as before.

It was pointed out that with regard to the transportation problem, evacuation to any part of the Malai Peninsula by ordinary train involves great inconvenience. Therefore, all evacuees should be advised to travel by the special evacuee trains. Car owners wishing to transfer their cars up-country should obtain a proper form from the Police station and then call at the Registrar/of Vehicles Office, Middle Road, to obtain permits to travel

Evacuees will be paid $100 per head "Evacuation Aid" in addition to three months ration of rice, sugar and salt at their respective Police stations.

Under the scheme to settle evacuees in nearby islands, it was pointed out that for Batam Island, the Chinese Buddhist Association, Chinese Charitable Institutions Union and Christian Churches Mission will undertake evacuation, while for Bintan-to, the World Red Swastika Society has been appointed to look after the evacuees.

Bahau settlers will be treated in the same manner as other evacuees to Negri Sembilan and will be given "Evacuation Aid," change of trade bounty and rice ration for three months. Further, one mosquito net per family will also be issued by the Kosei-ka. Evacuation Headquarters will make arrangements for transport in the same manner as those going to Seremban or Tampin.

Germany's Status Held Big Issue At Potsdam

Lisbon, July 25 (Domei)—Germany's post-war status, involving such aspects as to whether Germany should be dismembered or recognized as a political entity as in the past, as well as the question of who should be supported in Germany's future administration, constitutes one of the major issues at the Potsdam Conference, according to a survey of foreign dispatches.

On this vital issue, differences in views are understood to exist between the Anglo-Americans, on one side, and the Russians, on the other, partly from their fears over the possibility of Germany re-emerging as a threat and from their suspicion of how either party may utilize Germany in the future.

Thorough Exploitation Of Foreign Markets Urged To Enhance American Foreign Policy

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Zurich, July 24 (Domei)—America's programme of industrial reconversion, involving the readjustment of war industries to civilian production, currently is receiving serious attention from the American people, especially big business and labour, as the problem straddles two vital issues of inter-related importance—American domestic economy and future American foreign policy, according to an analysis of American press dispatches

The defeat of Germany, resulting in the termination of the hostilities in Europe, has compelled American big business and labour as well as the Government to squarely consider the question as to what policy America must pursue in order to cope with a possible deflation of America's highly-geared and over-expanded wartime economy in the post-war period.

Govt. Control Wanted

American labour appears essentially interested in continued government control over private enterprise during the post-war period so as to safeguard itself against the dangers of an economic slump as well as to pin the responsibility for its prevention on big business and the government, while American big business for the most part is anxious to rid itself of rigid State controls and re-emerge on a full freedom-for-enterprise basis

American big business fears that continued subservience to government controls and the whims of labour will lead only to business stagnation at home and is seeking to convince both the government and labour that the only salvation for labour and big business alike during the post-war period lies in the intensive development of foreign trade.

While seeking to impress American labour that a capital-labour struggle on the domestic front will not only be fruitless but a material loss to both labour and big business, American businessmen are pressing the Government to recognize that a policy of exploiting foreign markets is the only way of enhancing concretely America's influence in international affairs

These businessmen also maintain that America's economic strength furthermore constitutes a powerful material weapon to combat the spiritual and ideological influences of those powers whose aims run counter to American interests.

Moreover, they maintain that the current war has dealt a shattering blow to the American concept of isolationism and America's future is now tied up inextricably with foreign developments.

What American business is most anxious about, however, is that America must derive clear and direct profits from foreign trade. It is concerned with realities rather than altruistic political theories.

A point to support this view is manifested in the fact that American bankers have shown themselves to be more interested in stepping up the capitalization of the American Export-Import Bank than in internationally-controlled finance such as the Bretton Woods plan.

American big business appears concerned with the Bretton Woods currency stabilization and rehabilitation scheme only so far that it will give material impetus to American dollar trade, such as through the conversion of India's "frozen" Sterling credits in London.

American Counter-Move

The recent proposal to increase the capital of the Export-Import Bank five times to $3,500,000,000 can be viewed as a move by American big business to move out positively in search of world trade, as well as a counter-move to any British plan to impose an air-tight Sterling bloc against American attempts to penetrate into British-controlled trade areas.

Under the pressure of American big business, together with their growing realization of the complexities of reconversion, American Government leaders appear to be coming around more clearly to American big business' view that an established policy to exploit foreign markets in the post-war period will not only solve America's labour-big business problem but serve greatly to enhance America's foreign policy.

Lord Listowel Probable New India Secretary

Lisbon, July 26 (Domei)—Political quarters in London, including Indian nationalist circles, regard Lord Listowel, former Under Secretary of State for India in the Churchill coalition government, as the most probable choice for the Indian secretaryship in the new Labour Government, according to a London dispatch.

Sir Stafford Cripps, the bearer to India of the famous British offer of 1942, also is regarded as a possible choice. The dispatch said, however, that it is not known whether Cripps' ambition lies in the direction of Indian secretaryship, whereas Lord Listowel would probably welcome the portfolio.

Churchill, Eden Not Returning To Potsdam

Lisbon, July 26 (Domei)—With Clement Attlee's assumption of Britain's premiership as the result of the outcome of the British general election, Winston Churchill, former Prime Minister, and Anthony Eden, former Foreign Secretary, almost certainly will not return to Potsdam to resume discussions with Soviet Premier Josef Stalin and American President Harry Truman, a Reuter dispatch reported today from London.

Quoting an "excellently-informed Whitehall source," the message said that Attlee may appoint Ernest Bevin, former Labour Minister, as Foreign Secretary to accompany him to Potsdam.

Evacuees Advised Not To Sell Rice Rations

Syonan, July 27 (Domei)—An important announcement by the Syonan Special Municipality strongly advises all evacuees not to sell their rice rations, as rice is difficult to obtain upcountry.

The announcement states: "Officials concerned should strongly advise evacuees not to sell their rice ration in Syonan, but to take it with them to their destination. It is impossible to buy rice upcountry and the 'black market' price is very much higher than it is in Syonan."

Evacuation Plan Becomes Popular Among Civilians

Syonan, July 27 (Domei)—Indicating that more and more people are realizing the advisability of grasping the opportunity offered by the authorities to evacuate upcountry, in view of the current war situation, information gained this morning at Evacuation Headquarters discloses that the number of Syonan citizens who have registered for evacuation has soared past the 10,000-mark, or double the total number registered up to Saturday last.

Increasing realization that Syonan may be converted into a bloody battlefield shortly, together with reports received lately on the atrocities committed by enemy airmen in deliberate, indiscriminate raids on Nippon cities, Shanghai and Canton, has brought about the sudden acceleration in the registration, the people having been fully convinced that the enemy will resort to similar inhuman tactics on this city in order to terrorize the people and thereby interrupt their co-operation with the authorities.

Furthermore, news of the warm welcome and reception extended the first three batches of evacuees who have arrived in various evacuation centres and the repeated assurances from the upcountry authorities that evacuees will be treated as members of one big family, has served as an incentive for the local people who had hitherto harboured doubts as regards their treatment and welfare when they arrive in towns where they have no relatives or friends.

The latest figure of 10,000 people comprises approximately 2,000 families, representative of all communities, including Chinese, Malai, Indian, Eurasian and Thai, as well as neutral Swiss and Russian residents.

Meantime, the fourth group of evacuees, totalling 346 persons and comrising 132 families, is scheduled to leave tonight for destinations in Perak State. Of this number, 133 evacuees will detrain at Taiping, 176 at Ipoh and 37 at Kampar. Among those detraining at Taiping are two Thai subjects. The other evacuees are Chinese, Malais and Indians.

Enemy Thrusts Repulsed In North-western Borneo

Nippon Base in the Southern Front, July 27 (Domei)—Enemy forces in the Miri sector in north-western Borneo, with their main strength still stationed in the Lutong area 12 kilometres north of Miri, attempted sporadic infiltrations against our defence lines, all of which, however, were repulsed by Nippon garrison forces.

On the other hand, in an attempt to gain more ground the enemy, employing several landing barges, moved up the Pahang River on July 23 and tried to land at Arang. Our garrison troops, however, atacked and completely repulsed the enemy after a short engagement lasting 20 minutes.

Meanwhile, it appears that the enemy recently finished reconstruction of Miri airfield which is already in use.

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Labour Scores Great Victory In Election

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Secretary of State for India were beaten.

Churchill won his constituency by a large majority, while Anthony Eden, Foreign Secretary, also came through successfully in the election

Most Labour leaders, on the other hand, were re-elected, including Attlee, Ernest Bevin, Minister of Labour in the coalition government and possible future Foreign Secretary, Herbert Morrison, Home Secretary in the coalition government who declined to take a post in Churchill's caretaker government.

Sir Stafford Cripps and Reginald Sorensen, Labour members connected with Indian affairs, were re-elected.

Sir Archibald Sinclair, Secretary of State for Air and leader of the Liberal Party, was defeated in a close fight for re-election.

Reuter said that one of the significant trends witnessed in the general election "was the heavy Labour poll in many agricultural and rural districts whose feudalistic heritage in the past had been reflected in the stubborn Conservative vote which no Labour canvassing could shift."

Even in the middle class strongholds of Birmingham, Manchester and Liverpool, a major swing to the Left was noted, it said.

Meantime, new British Prime Minister Clement Attlee, in an interview, tonight, expressed satisfaction over the results of the election.

"The remarkable thing about these electoral returns is the heavy Labour vote throughout the country not only where Labour had been strong previously but in different districts, rural, urban, manufacturing and residential," he said, adding "Every kind of constituency has shown a great increase in Labour."

Funeral Of Mr. T. Hirano

A short but impressive funeral service for the late Mr. T. Hirano, a popular member of the staff of Eiga Haikyu Sya, Syonan, who died recently, was held at the Honganji Temple yesterday. The chief priest and two assistants officiated.

Lieut.-Colonel Nakajima and other Military Officers, the representatives of local community associations, the Domei New Agency, The Nippon Shimbun, Syonan Shimbun, The Azad Hind and Syonan Nippo, the various gekizyo, Syonan Musical Association, Syonan Dramatic Association and the staff of Eiga Haikyu Sya were among those present.

Tributes were read by Lieut.-Colonel Nakajima, Mr. Ito (the Si Sya Tyo, Eiga Haikyu Sya) and others.

The candle lit altar was filled with numerous wreaths.

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